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PRESIDENT: Senator George Syas. Senator Frank Lewis, do you want to speak on Senator Bereuter's amendment or on the resolution itself?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: On the resolution itself, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of Senator Bereuter's amendment to the resolution. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted. Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Senators ... surprisingly to Senator Burbach, I'm not going to oppose this resolution. I'm for it. I recognize reality, but I wish to call attention that there's another resolution in here, LR 106, that 32 senators signed that does just the opposite. It's calling on the federal government to clean up their financial situation and quit going into debt. I can also agree with that. I don't think that we, on the state level, should, ... and I'm not going to get into the resolution today, should be telling something that they should do ... the federal government, when we don't do it ourselves because we constantly ask for federal appropriations of some sort which we're doing here, even though it may be meritorious. We're asking for it. How does the federal governments debt go up? It's because of actions just like we're going to take today. We ask them to do things and, yet at the same time, call for economy. I think we're being very inconsistent with the resolution that follows in probably a week and then voting for this one too.

I feel I can vote any way I want to because I didn't sign the other one. I'm not one of the 32 signers. I just wanted to call to your attention.... I think when the other one is debated it would be very interesting to see how the people, some in here, will talk both ways. They're for economy, but....

That's just the way it is. I don't believe that we should go into that type of thing at all. I think we should be honest and forward and say if we're for this type of thing, then say so and not try to come out in the press on another resolution and say "but we're for economy also". You can't spend and have economy at the same time, at least I don't think you can. If you can why maybe I haven't been around very long. I'm dissolutioned.

PRESIDENT: We gathered that. Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I'd like to start, Mr. Chairman, by asking Senator Murphy a question.

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes sir.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Murphy, do you support this resolution?